

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Board Meeting

De Soto Middle/High School LMC 7:00pm

Monday, September 25, 2017

MEMBERS

Present

Rick Pedretti, President

Jess Boardman, Vice President

Kirk Holliday, Treasurer

Geri Fox, Clerk

Dan Fladhammer

Brent Hutchison

Jeff Long

Kevin Walleser

Linzi Gronning, Superintendent

Absent

Dean Penkalski

The Regular meeting of the De Soto Area School District Board of Education was called to order at 7:03 p.m. on Monday, September 25, 2017, by Board President Rick Pedretti. All Board members were present except Dean Penkalski.

The meeting was publicized by posting on the school doors, banks and post offices in De Soto, Ferryville, Genoa and Stoddard, Pedretti's in Genoa, Pronto in De Soto, and Red Mound Store on 9/22/2017, printed in the Broadcaster on 9/22/2017 and broadcast over WVRQ Radio.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Jeff Long to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Public comment time: None

Committee and other reports:

New staff attending were introduced.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Kirk Holliday that the receipts and expenditures, vouchers #44375-#44521 in the amount of \$637,414.84 be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Brent Hutchison and seconded by Dan Fladhammer that the minutes of the August 21 and September 7, 2017 board meetings be approved. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Jess Boardman to approve the resignation of Daron Fuglsang, Head Wrestling Coach; hiring Kerry Hogan, JV/Freshman Baseball coach, Lindsey Kuennen, Assistant Forensics Advisor, Ellen Moon, Vocal Music Advisor, Vince Ruetten, HS TAG Building Coordinator, Kathy Schwartz, MS TAG Building Coordinator and Kyle Gerke, MS Football Coach. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jeff Long to approve set Tuesday, October 3rd at 6:00 p.m. as the date for a Special Board Meeting to approve the 2017-18 Preliminary Budget. Motion carried.

There were no Fund 80 requests to approve.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jess Boardman to accept a donation from the De Soto VFW Club toward new playground equipment at Prairie View Elementary. Motion carried.

District Goals will be presented at the October meeting.

The Board discussed changing the note at the bottom of the meeting agenda. There will be new wording for the next meeting.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jess Boardman to approve 3 Youth Options requests for Spring, 2018. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jess Boardman and seconded by Dan Fladhammer to approve the Walking Trail Easement with changes given. Motion carried.

Principal Reports

Tim Fergot, Associate Middle/High School Principal:

- Over 70 students in CLC afterschool program
- CLC is going swimming in Viroqua this week
- Safe Homecoming Dance & Game

Mike Chapes, Stoddard Elem. Principal and Kelly Olson, Prairie View Elem. Principal:

- The best start of the school year with staff
- Both schools are focusing on writing as our goals
- 3rd-5th grade teachers are creating standards base report cards
- Maintenance staff installed new playground slides at Prairie View. Mr. Boardman was the first to slide to test for safety.
- All STAR assessments have been completed with proficiency benchmarks increased from 60-70%

Kelly Olson, Transportation Director:

- Lee Beach retired after 29 years of driving bus for our district
- We have 2 new drivers, Deldon Hanson and Robert Johnson and are looking to recruit new drivers

Linzi Gronning, Middle/High School Principal & Superintendent:

- State Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Tony Evers, was at De Soto for the 1st day of school
- Latex balloons are prohibited at our schools

Director Reports

Caron Malin, Special Education Director & Pupil Services Director:

- Did not hire a new Paraprofessional, have been using a long term substitute
- There are 9 new students
- 10 IEP meetings have been held
- Attended Special Ed Director and Title 1 Coordinator meeting discussing funding and plans to be written by each district by spring 2018
- There have been a few safety concerns impacting students and staff
- Homeless Grant for 4 area schools for 3 years
- Title 1 new staff member in place and collaborating to get new test kits and school data needs addressed
- Educator Effectiveness plans are being submitted by teachers, they are due this week as teachers work on professional practice goals and student learning outcomes for the year

Dave O'Mara, Building & Grounds Director:

- Installed new slides at Prairie View
- Boilers are completed at Stoddard
- Repaired blower motor and other maintenance at De Soto

Betsy Knutson, Food Service Director:

No report

DuWayne Gronning, Technology Director

- Standards based I Excell program is being used
- Testing is going well
- 14 Virtual School students

Correspondence

Minutes from the Retreat Sportsman's Club meeting

Thank you card from Kay Silvis

Congratulations note from Monique Hooker

Thank you letter from State Superintendent Tony Evers

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jess Boardman to adjourn to Closed Session WI Stats. 19.85(1)(c) Consider request for additional compensation from a former employee. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Dan Fladhammer and seconded by Jeff Long to reconvene into Open Session. Motion carried.

Action items from Closed Session:

Webmaster contract pay will be prorated for July and August 2017.

Items for October 2017 Board Meeting: None

Motion was made by Geri Fox and seconded by Brent Hutchison to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Geri Fox, Clerk